



CHRIST CHURCH MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND

PARISH MAGAZINE

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May
2011



John Hill 2007

Experience Pentecost

a journey for all - The coming of the Holy Spirit - how
the "Christian church" began and spreads throughout
the world.

Schools and groups from
31st May - **BOOK NOW**

Church open for individual "experiences" -
Wednesday 1st June 10.45 - 1.00pm
Wednesday 15th June 10.45 - 1.00pm

Accompanied journey with Rev Sue Brewer
Wednesday 22nd @ 7.30pm

Contact Rev Sue Brewer
01474 352643 or
suec@brewer86.plus.com



Coffee Morning
Wednesday 4th May after the 10 am service.

Christian Aid Breakfast
Sunday 8th May at 8.30 am.

Sponsored Walk
Saturday 14th May



SERVICE 15th May
from this year, the annual
remembrance of 48 Royal Marine
Commando will be part of the
10 am service of Holy Communion
on the third Sunday in May.

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or hand to a Churchwarden,

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Christ Church Hall
is available for hire.
Contact: Mrs Joan Bennett
01474 568585

Well equipped. Very
suitable for meetings
and children's parties.

Who's Who at Christ Church

www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk

Vicar	Sue Brewer	352643 suec@brewer86.plus.com
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Pastoral Assistant	Pam Kilby	332693
Church Warden	Christine Sewell	745443
Church Warden	Ian Brown	356339
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PCC Treasurer	Steve Humphries	323515
Reader	Rosemary Austin	358702
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Reader	Martin Sewell	745443



Thank you to everyone who has welcomed me as your new Church Warden. There is likely to be a delay before the next edition of the Parish Magazine is available, as we wait for a new editor and production team to get established. If you are interested in being involved in the production of the Parish Magazine or as part of the publicity group, please have a word with Sue or one of the Church Wardens. I hope you have seen the photographs on the Gravesend Reporter web site of the Royal Wedding party held at Christ Church on Friday 29th April. A big thank you to David Williams and Debbie Carter and all their team for a splendid day, enjoyed by nearly 90 people.

May is full of things happening in and around the Parish, Christian Aid week is 15th to the 21st May, see inside for details, CCADS perform 2 one act plays on the 12th, 13th and 14th. The Annual Remembrance of 48 Royal Marine Commando will be part of the 10 am service on the 15th May. There will be a Flower Show on the 21st and 22nd in the church. Please keep sending in your articles for the magazine.

Editor

THANK YOU

To everyone who helped in any way with Experience Easter. We shall be taking down the displays on Tuesday 3rd May from about 9 am and would welcome anyone who is able to help. We shall be returning the borrowed items as soon as possible.

We now move rapidly on to :-

EXPERIENCE PENTECOST which will run from 1st June so book now .

For this we will need candles of any shape, size, colour or scent, readymade material bunting, a child's sailing boat, a plain fringed rug or thick throw and people willing to sit and cut out feet and doves.

Veronica has paper and templates.
All offers of help gratefully received.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 8TH MAY, 3 PM AT ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH

We have 5 candidates being Confirmed and one renewing her Baptismal Vows.

Please remember them in your prayers as they take this step forward in their Christian lives and come along and support them next Sunday.



SERVICE 15th May—from this year, the annual remembrance of 48 Royal Marine Commando will be part of the 10 am service of Holy Communion on the third Sunday in May.

Although it is unlikely that veterans will be able to join us in future, it is hoped by this means that we will be able to keep the memory of their sacrifice alive at Christ Church for future generations.

ELLENORLIONS HOSPICES -

SUNDAY 22ND May from 12- 2pm at 26 Elmfield Close—**Plant Sale**.
Admission 50p—all plants are very reasonably priced.

14th—21st May—**Children's Hospices Week** — a week of special events and celebrations all in aid of Children's Hospices. What can you do to help chYps your local children's hospice? Check www.chyps.org for details.

Purple Coffee Morning—Friday 27th May from 10.30am—12.30 pm at Ellenor Lions Hospice, Coldharbour Road.
Wear something purple, buy a purple gift, or bring a purple donation. Plus all the regular attractions.
All welcome—admission 50p to include tea or coffee and biscuits.



Fairtrade Lunch Stop

Sandwiches, toasted sandwiches, homemade cakes, fresh fruit, snack bars.

Tea, Fresh filter Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Juices

View our Fairtrade Goods stands.

Come and enjoy a Fairtrade lunch at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Windmill Street, Gravesend.

The cost of your lunch will be what you consider to be a 'Fair' price for what you eat.

Friday 6th May 2011

12-2pm



PRE-SCHOOL



We are collecting Active kids rewards from Sainsburys, these are invaluable to us and

enables us to purchase equipment we other wise would not have. We bought last year new scooters, a cool bag on wheels for our forest trips and streamers probably amounting to £300 worth.

So please if you have any vouchers or can get neighbours to collect we would very much appreciate them.

There is a box in church for your vouchers.

Sue Reilly
Pre-school manager

'Healing and Wholeness'

The local Deanery is running a course about the church's ministry of healing for members of Deanery churches. We would like to send 2 or 3 people from Christ Church.

If you are interested, please have a word with Sue Brewer. The course consists of 2 sessions at St Mary's Church in Wrotham Road – Sat 28th May and Sat 9th July, both from 9.30am til 4pm.

Vicar Sue

Sunday Morning Coffee Rota



Week 12	1st May	Sylvia Brown, Margaret Davies, Babs Acott, Terri Allan
Week 1	8th May	Vena Croydon, Julie Hill, Jill Sampson
Week 2	15th May	Sandy Barden, Jenny Shoesmith, Joan Bennett
Week 3	22nd May	David & Shirley Whitehead
Week 4	29th May	

Maureen Fittill



Christ Church Organ Fund

CCOF (Christ Church Organ Fund) Events

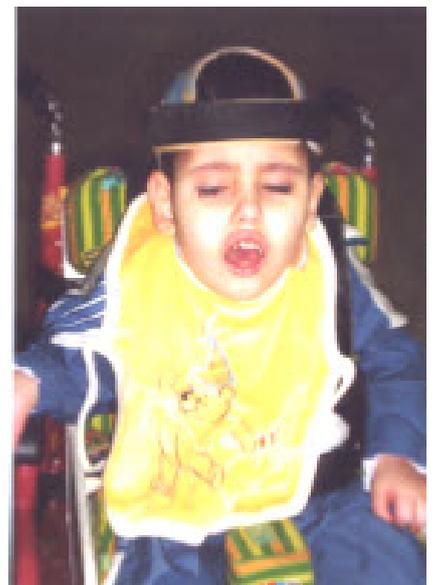
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| May | Quiz Night |
| 9th - 10th July | Treasure / Scavenger Hunt |
| July | Open Gardens |
| 14th August | Family Barbecue
and Auction of Talents |
| 8th October | Cookery Book - Tea Dance |
| 19th November | Band Concert
(profit shared with Help
for Heroes) |

Child's First Name: Aly
 Full Reference No: 105469.1005/1043
 Sponsor's Name: Christ Church Mrs J Hill



A letter from Aly.

Aly is a Palestinian boy
Christ Church sponsor,
through the Biblelands.



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Dear Auntie,
 Thank you for the marvellous party
 that the school arranged for us with
 several kinds of sweets; and for the
 wonderful gift that santa offered
 to me. Best wishes for you.



Cod bless you
 on behalf of your
 child Aly
 Teacher.



First Steps

13th April 2011

It's a rather grey day as our naughty little sheep and I peek out of the window. We do hope that the rain stays away because it's our First Steps service this afternoon and if it rains we may not have anyone to join us, and that would be really sad. A lot of our naughty little sheep's friends are eager to come along too and we wouldn't want to disappoint them, would we? After a very quick lunch, our naughty little sheep and his growing band of cohorts walk with me, up to the church. There are hints of brightness behind the clouds, so fingers crossed. The Experience Easter displays are up in church and our naughty little sheep and his friends are really impressed. They all want to hear the Easter story and I promise to tell them later. Now it's time to get everything ready once again, and they all scoot off to hide in their continuing quest to fool the children. They'll have their work cut out! I hope our naughty little sheep does better than he has the last time or two! He's still feeling rather embarrassed, poor thing and his friends have been giving him some handy hints!

I start hauling the furniture about in the church and soon Linda arrives, going straight to the kitchen to set up there. When it's time to open the church Linda mans the door while I finish moving chairs about and putting toys out in the hall. I'm getting too old for all this; I'm exhausted by the time I've finished. Poor old girl! Into church once again and Bonna has already arrived with Isaac and Elijah bringing freshly baked biscuits for our refreshments later. How kind (and yummy)! As it's the school holidays, some older children have come along to join us too. It's lovely to see them and I think that they're pleased to see us. There's Kate, Alfie, Isabelle, Nancy and Olivia: my goodness how they've all grown since we saw them last. Lisa and little Ralph have come along too for a second visit. I think that that is very brave of them, considering how lively everyone was last time! And Vicky has come along for the first time with Gabriel and baby Noah, so it's lovely to welcome them.

With Anne poised at the piano and jingle bells at the ready, our service begins as I light the candles and we sing, "Candle time". Then we've got special candles to light: happy ones for birthdays and baptism anniversaries, and a sad one for a very poorly granddad. They are special little lights to remind us of God's love and our first song today is "Jesus' love is very wonderful." because it is! And we remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a

donkey on Palm Sunday and the crowds all shouting "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest." My goodness me those crowds went wild when they saw Jesus and we all jingle our bells wildly too. We thank God for the beauty of the springtime all around us and we sing, "Spring-time comes". It makes us realise how quickly the time goes as the seasons of the year rush round. Next comes "Jesus is a friend of mine" and we sing, "Jesus died to set us free". And we thank God for sending Jesus to us, to be our Saviour.

Thinking about friends reminds us of our naughty little sheep and his gang very quietly hiding around the church. They've done really well but we think that it must be time to try and find them. Our naughty little sheep has done better this time, though he is found quite quickly. It seems to be very much work in progress, but I think he's getting the hang of it now. And it isn't long before all of the others are scooped up, too, and back for the rest of our service. As it is very nearly Easter, we think about Easter eggs (more yummy stuff!) And of course eggs are a symbol of new life and at Easter we remember the promise of new life for us through Jesus' Resurrection. So we sing "Mother Hen" and "Easter is a happy time" and the jingle bells are working well.

Everybody is really good and quiet for our prayer time. I think that the big children are setting the little ones a really good example, so well done them! Then, with our candles blown out, our service is over and out we go into the hall for our play and chat and those lovely biscuits brought along by Bonna. And very nice they are too. Our naughty little sheep likes them so much that he wants me to get the recipe. So watch this space. He and his friends are really enjoying watching the children play. The colouring table is out and there is a hive of activity there, too and some lovely colouring. What clever children! I think that Kate, Alfie, Isabelle, Nancy and Olivia are enjoying being back with us and catching up with friends that they haven't seen for a while.

Sadly the time flies by very quickly and soon it's time to pack up and go home. As usual we've had a lovely time together and we hope that quite a few will join us at the Hot Cross Bun Service on Good Friday and then again at our family service on Easter day. I've heard a rumour that there'll be hot cross buns on Good Friday and chocolate Easter eggs on Easter Day, so they're not to be missed. Be there and be square! (all those calories!) And no doubt the days will rush round to our next service on 11th May when our naughty little sheep and his great crowd of friends hope to see you all again.

Rosemary Austin



CCADS (Christ Church Amateur Dramatics Society)
are celebrating their 75th year.

John Hougham
Gill Campbell

Joint Chairmen CCADS

Four page booklet to pull out and keep!

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CCADS - 75 Years Young

Over recent months past and present members of Christ Church Amateur Dramatic Society have been sharing their memories and experiences in the pages of this magazine. We hope you have enjoyed reading them and that they will have recalled for you pleasant evenings spent, perhaps in the old St Faith's Hall, perhaps in more recent years in the Christ Church Hall, attending our productions. Over the course of the 75 years of our existence CCADS has staged a very wide range of entertainment, from comedy to tragedy, classical and modern, full-length and one-act. If you have shared the experience of being in one of our audiences we hope that these articles have sparked off happy memories for you as well. We are very grateful to those who have shared their own memories with us as part of our 75 years celebrations.

It is, of course, a simple fact that life has changed dramatically since CCADS was launched in 1936, perhaps no more so than in the field of entertainment. In those distant days entertainment was very much on a do- it- yourself basis.

The mass- media was still in its infancy and a trip to the local hall for home-grown entertainment was an eagerly awaited event. How times have changed! Over recent years many amateur societies have died and those that are left, including CCADS, have been struggling to continue. We have more and more found ourselves competing for audiences with the many and varied attractions

on offer and, more seriously, our membership has fallen to the point where our ability to continue to stage plays has been seriously threatened. It would be a great pity if, as well as marking our 75th birthday, 2011 turned out to be the year in which we finally closed our doors.

So, as well as an opportunity to thank members past and present, this is an appeal to some of you out there, especially perhaps among the more recently-joined members of our congregation, to consider helping us to secure our future. It is great fun -- just ask any member of the society, past or present -- and an opportunity to experience the thrill of being part of live entertainment. Although our pressing need is for acting members (no previous experience needed!) there are many other facets to staging a production which need willing volunteers. So, why not come along one Friday evening to see what it's all about? Who knows, you might find yourself helping to celebrate our Centenary in 2036!

Gill Campbell and John Hougham

Joint Chairmen CCADS

CCADS PRODUCTION

12TH 13TH AND 14TH May 2011

Our Spring production is a little later this year, due to a very late Easter. Rehearsals are well under way for 2 'one act' plays.

The first featuring Gerry Higgins and John Hougham is Bookends, by Scott Perry, and Lynne Chesterton and Angela Kirby are treading the boards with Jean McConnell's Garden Pests.

Both these plays are directed by Sally Higgins.

Tickets will be available from mid April by contacting:
Gill Campbell 01474 534517 at £5 for adults and £1 for students.

CCADS

WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE?

CCADS stands for Christ Church Amateur Dramatics Society.

CCADS have been treading the boards for more years than many of its current members wish to remember. We stage two productions a year, one in December and one in April.

Our productions are either one act plays or full length plays, comprising of two or three acts. The content of the play ranges from comedy and farce, to the dramatic and serious.

We welcome new members irrespective of previous experience. We meet in the church hall on Fridays from September to early May between 8pm and 10pm.

So if you are aged between 18 and 80, do come along and see who you would like to be.



God's Gang

CHRIST CHURCH
MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND

September 29th is the feast day of St Michael and All Angels (Gabriel, Raphael and Uriel). Michael is the patron saint of the sea and maritime lands, of ships and boatmen, of horses and horsemen. Together with St George he became the patron saint of chivalry.

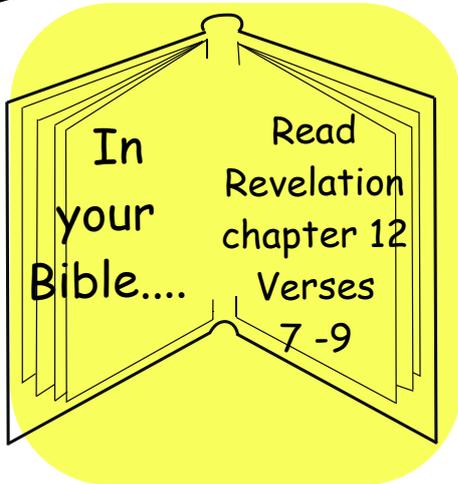


Where can you find this in church?

What is it called?

Who is on it?

What is special about this saint?



Michael was the angel who hurled Lucifer (the devil) down from heaven for his treachery.

Draw a picture of a modern day saint.... Someone you know whom you think does lots of good things for other people.

EVENING PRAYER

There will be an opportunity to meet with others for Evening Prayer every weekday in the St. Faith's Chapel at 5.30 pm.

Just turn up—all welcome.

Shorne Open Gardens

21st and 22nd May
2.00 - 5.30 pm

12 gardens open throughout the village. Croquet, cream teas, plant stall etc. Tickets £5 per adult giving entry to all gardens involved on both days.

Children free.

Tickets available from Shorne Village Store or from owners of gardens taking part, either before or on the day.

All gardens clearly signposted.

Further information: 01474 824186 or bushylees@tiscali.co.uk



Events
at Christ Church
and elsewhere locally.

Christ Church

Coffee Morning
Wed 4th May
After 10 am
service



Sunday 8th May
at 8.30 a.m.
in the church hall
All Welcome



A healthy country walk

The event will be based at St John's Church, Meopham and from past experience we hope to involve more than 100 people. The date for your diary is:

Saturday 14 May: Sponsored Walk

Any distance from 2 to 20 miles through the beautiful Kent countryside can be walked. The event has been happening for over 40 years and is suitable for almost everyone. Maps, instructions and snack lunches are provided. Bring your friends or meet new ones!

Churches Together in GRAVESHAM



United in sharing the love of Christ

Check out Churches Together in Gravesend web site at the address below.

www.gravesendchurchestogether.org

Volunteers needed.....

'We always need volunteers... the church runs because of the generous service of volunteers. If you have time and enthusiasm to spare but you are not sure where your talents can be used, Sue would be glad to meet you for a cup of coffee and to talk



through possibilities. Particular needs at the moment include Youth Club volunteers, someone to help with preparation of the Parish Magazine, a church publicity officer, and new members for the choir.'

Sue Brewer



If you came to hear “Olivet to Calvary” before Easter you will know how well Christian and the extended choir did. If you didn’t you missed a treat!

Editor

We hope you enjoyed the Easter music at Christ Church, we certainly enjoyed preparing for and contributing to the Easter services. Our numbers have shrunk a little over the past few months, so please come and join us! It is quite painless, all you have to do is have a word with Helen and she will let you have the date of our next rehearsal!



Gill Campbell

Some Dates for Your diary

4th May	Christian Aid Coffee Morning
8th May	Christian Aid breakfast
8th May	Confirmation at St. Aidan’s Church
12th/14th May	CCADS Plays
May / June	Experience Pentecost
18th June	Summer Fete
23rd July	“Tea at the Ritz” for Christian Aid
10th August	Teddy Bear’s Picnic
August	Over 80’s Party
August	Mothers’ Union Garden Parties
September / October	Experience Harvest
9th October	Harvest - Bishop James to Celebrate and Preach
23rd October	Christian Aid Breakfast
12th Novemebr	Christmas Bazaar
1st - 3rd December	CCADS Plays

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1st Windmill Hill Scout Group



Meet on: Thursday Tuesday Friday

The 1st Windmill
Cub Pack is looking
for new leader.

Would you like to
work with young
people aged 8 to 11?

Would you like to be
part of a progressive
Scout Group?

Have you ever been
part of the Baden
Powell movement?

Contacts: Richard Painting 01474 324776
Group Scout Leader



Sandy Johnson
Group Chairman
chairmansandy@yahoo.co.uk



Our next meetings are:

Wednesday 4th May
8 p.m.

A talk by local historian
Tony Larkin
Entitled "Serendipity"
At 68 Pine Avenue

Betty Martin leads our
Deanery Quiet morning on
Tuesday 10th May at 10 am.
All are welcome and to stay on for a
shared lunch (bring a plate of food)

Pick up your copy of the 2011 Event
Brochure at the back of the church.

please take one

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Visit the Traidcraft stall at the back of the
church.

May

Highlights this month !

Flower Festival

CCADS—2 one-act plays

Service for 48 RM Commando

Sunday 	1 8 am Service 10 am Service	8 8 am Service Christian Aid Breakfast 10 am All Age Service 3 pm Confirmation Service at St. Aidan's Youth Club 5.30 - 7.30 pm	15 8 am Service 10 am Holy Communion Service and Act of Remembrance for 48 Royal Marine Commando Youth Club 5.30 - 7.30 pm	22 8 am Service 10 am Service Flower Show Youth Club 5.30 - 7.30 pm	29 8 am Service 10 am Service Youth Club 5.30 - 7.30 pm
Monday 	2 Bank Holiday	9 Music Group Brownies Explorer Scouts	16 Brownies Explorer Scouts	23 8 am Holy Communion	30 Bank Holiday
Tuesday 	3 Cubs	10 Mothers' Union Quiet Morning Cubs	17 Cubs	24 Cubs	31 Cubs
Wednesday 	4 10am service Christian Aid Coffee Morning 8 pm MU Guides	11 10am service Guides	18 10am service First Steps 1.45pm Guides	25 10am service Ifield Ladies Guides	
Thursday 	5 Brownies Beavers Choir Practice	12 Brownies Beavers Choir Practice CCADS 2 one-act plays	19 Brownies Beavers Choir Practice	26 Brownies Beavers Choir Practice	
Friday 	6 Fairtrade Lunch Parent & Toddler CCADS Scouts Office Hours	13 Parent & Toddler CCADS Scouts Office Hours CCADS 2 one-act plays	20 Parent & Toddler CCADS Scouts Office Hours Flower Show	27 Parent & Toddler CCADS Scouts Office Hours	
Saturday 	7	14 Working Party CCADS 2 one-act plays	21 Flower Show	28	

What happens at Christ Church?

Sunday Services

8.00 am Holy Communion (said)

10.00 am Communion with crèche & God's Gang

On the 2nd Sunday All-Age service

Evening Service - see inside magazine for details.

Weekday Services

Holy Communion (said)

Monday and Saturday 8am.

Tuesday & Thursday 7.00am.

Wednesday 10.00am

For further information
contact
the Church Wardens

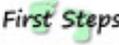
Registered Charity no. 1130741

Office hours

Friday 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm

Clubs

There are a wide variety of clubs for you:-

Daily	Christ Church Pre-school (2½ upwards)	
Monday	Music Group; Brownies	
Tuesday	Cubs	
Wednesday	Guides; Mothers Union (1st Wednesday)	
	 First Steps (under 5's and carers) 2nd Wednesday 1.45pm	
	Ifield Ladies (every third Wednesday)	
Thursday	Beavers; Brownies; Choir Practice	
Friday	Scouts; Amateur Dramatics  ; Parent and Toddler	
Saturday	Working party (2nd Saturday)	
Sunday	Christ Church Youth Club	